Western Australian Coding Rule

0710/05 Intravascular ultrasound

The Chronicle of ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS First-Tenth edition advises:

ACHI code 55054-00 [1949] *Intraoperative ultrasound of other site* no longer exists. It was inactivated along with a number of other intraoperative imaging codes in 7th edition to allow for other specific codes to be assigned where applicable, as part of the review of ACS 0042 *Procedures normally not coded.*

WA Coding Rule 0210/04 *Intravascular ultrasound* is therefore retired.

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0210/04 *Intravascular ultrasound* is retired.

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0210/04 Intravascular ultrasound

Q.
Could we have a guideline on how to code IVUS, a relatively new procedure performed with cardiac angiography and PTCA. Usually the ultrasound is performed with angiography to gauge size of the vessels before intervention. A catheter with the U/S device inside is placed inside the particular vessels being investigated. We are coding coronary angiography and intraoperative ultrasound of other site. Sometimes it is performed with PTCA to check on the effect of the PTCA during the procedure. It seems no angiography is done in that case so we are coding PTCA and intraoperative ultrasound of other site. Would this be correct?

A.
Your coding is correct. IVUS should be coded to 55054-00 [1949] Intraoperative ultrasound of other site and should be coded if performed with anaesthesia (except local).

DECISION
IVUS should be coded if performed with anaesthesia (not local). Assign 55054-00 [1949] Intraoperative ultrasound of other site
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